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FM AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4130

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: SGEN, JO, IS

SUBJ: ROBBERY AT HOLY SEPULCHRE

1. WE ARE INFORMED BY SPANISH CONSUL GENERAL THAT TWO THIEVES BROKE INTO CHURCH OF HOLY SEPULCHRE EARLY MORNING OF APRIL 13, OVERPOWERED AND SLIGHTLY INJURED AMERICAN MONK (BROTHER FRANCIS), AND ESCAPED WITH PRECIOUS STONES FROM CROSS IN CHURCH.
2. CONGENOFF VISITED BROTHER FRANCIS IN HOSPITAL, BUT DID NOT INQUIRE INTO PARTICULARS OF INCIDENT SINCE FRANCIS WAS BEING QUESTIONED BY POLICE AT TIME. FRANCIS SUFFERED DISLOCATED SHOULDER AND KNEE, AND WAS CUT ON SCALP. HE IS NOT IN SERIOUS CONDITION.
3. INCIDENT WAS NOT REPORTED ON 1:30 ENGLISH LANGUAGE KOL ISRAEL NEWS, BUT WAS PICKED UP BY RADIO AMMAN IN 1400 BROADCAST. AMMAN POINTED OUT THIS WAS NOT FIRST INCIDENT OF THIEVERY IN CHURCHES SINCE OCCUPATION.
4. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NO ARRESTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE IN CASE, AND IDENTITY OF THIEVES IS STILL UNKNOWN.
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